

Minutes of the meeting of the
South Barrington Public Safety Committee
Thursday, November 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:02 pm. Present: Trustee Joe Abbate and Trustee Steve Guranovich. Absent: Trustee Therese DeSerto-Cohen. A quorum was present. Also present were Chief Roman and Village President Paula McCombie.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Guranovich motioned to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting as written. Seconded by Trustee Abbate; the motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Emergency Operations Plan Update. Chief Roman stated that the Village's emergency operations plan was last updated in the spring of 2013 and needs to be updated again. The Village has received two consultant proposals for services to complete the updates, one from Diane Logsdon for \$3700 and another from Nancy Schumm for \$2500.

The committee discussed which consultant to hire. Trustee Abbate stated that Diane Logsdon had contracted with the Village to create the earlier version of the emergency operations manual and that it was a comprehensive plan and well done. Trustee Abbate also stated that he had a chance to review Ms. Schumm's proposal and although more basic than Ms. Logsdon's proposal, it is a basic plan that may work well for our community. Village President McCombie stated that Ms. Schumm worked with the Village of Deer Park on their emergency operations plan and that she will offer us a similar plan. The mayor also stated that Ms. Logsdon is very professional but her plan is more complicated than Ms. Schumm's.

Trustee Abbate motioned to recommend to the full Board of Trustees that Nancy Schrumm be hired to update the existing Emergency Operations Plan for the Village at a rate of \$75 per hour not to exceed \$2500. Seconded by Trustee Guranovich; the motion carried.

Night Vision Equipment. Chief Roman briefed the committee on the notion of leasing United States Navy infra-red night vision equipment for \$300 per year. The chief explained the program whereby the U.S. Navy refurbishes its surplus equipment and loans it to law enforcement agencies. Chief Roman had visited their vendor booth at the recent International Association of Chiefs of Police conference and stated that it caught his interest because some of their night vision equipment is similar to the equipment for which we had tried, unsuccessfully, to obtain a grant last year. Chief Roman mentioned that the night vision equipment could be very useful in our village given the large homes on large lots coupled with unlighted streets. He also cited the example that occurred at Autumn Leaves Memory Care Facility where an elderly resident went missing and workers were trying to locate him outside in the dark. The night vision equipment could have been employed in that incident.

Trustees Abbate and Guranovich both expressed their support for the equipment loan program encouraged the chief to apply to the program. Trustee Abbate stated that the \$300 fee is already

within the budget so he did not see the need to forward the recommendation to the full Board of Trustees.

Budget Discussion. The committee discussed possible budget items for next year.

Chief Roman stated that he would like to increase the budget next year to allow for an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), AR-15 patrol rifle and a portable breath test device (PBT) to be placed in each squad car. Our current practice of providing a limited number of these pieces of equipment requires officers to carry the equipment to and from the car at the beginning and end of each shift and some officers are not fully equipped because we do not have enough of the equipment. Trustees Abbate and Guranovich were supportive of this proposal.

Chief Roman stated that the Department's portable radios are several years old and will need to be replaced in the relatively near future. The current radios were purchased with a grant received by QuadCom. Unfortunately, QuadCom does not have sufficient funds to continue purchasing radios for member departments. The current trend in 9-1-1 communications is to consolidate dispatch centers and move toward systems like the StarCom radio system in Illinois that is owned and maintained by Motorola. Local agencies purchase their radios and pay a monthly subscription fee per radio to use the system. Chief Roman mentioned that the radios are more expensive but overall costs may be reduced because local communities and dispatch centers no longer need to purchase, maintain and regularly update the radio infrastructure. We will have more information on this as we move forward with QuadCom to determine our future communications course.

Public Safety Committee Meeting Dates. Chief Roman stated that the Public Safety Committee normally meets on the first Thursday of the month, one week before the Village's monthly Board of Trustees meeting. This makes it difficult for staff members to process agenda items for the Board meeting that come from Public Safety. Trustee Abbate directed Chief Roman to come up with some better dates for the Public Safety Committee meeting beginning in 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA). Village President McCombie briefed committee members on a proposed village ordinance to establish a process by which an employee, who is injured on duty, may file an application for an on-duty disability pension. In some cases this may trigger PSEBA benefits which may include Village paid health insurance. President McCombie stated that this ordinance will give the Village the authority to request medical information from applicants and hold a hearing relating to eligibility, neither of which the Village is currently able to do. President McCombie stated that "catastrophic" injury as defined in the Illinois Public Safety Employee Benefits Act is open to interpretation. She stated that it may include an injury that would render an employee no longer able to work as a police officer but does not preclude that employee from working in a different capacity. Trustee Abbate asked where the Police Pension Board falls on this issue. The Village President responded that the Pension Board decides pension benefits but it is the Village that assigns health insurance benefits. The proposed ordinance will be considered by the Village's finance committee.

Motorola HT100 2-Way Radios. Chief Roman stated that our unused Motorola HT-100 portable radios have been declared surplus by the Village. The MCAT Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction (STAR) Team asked if we would consider donating four of them and associated

equipment so that crash investigators can communicate amongst themselves at crash scenes. Trustee Abbate asked if there would be any additional cost to the Village. Chief Roman answered no. Officer Axelrod, our representative on the STAR Team, has contacts at Motorola and would be able to help the STAR team with configuring the radios for their use.

Trustee Guranovich motioned, and Trustee Abbate seconded, to recommend to the full Board of Trustees that the old Motorola HT100 2-way radios that have been declared surplus may be donated to the Major Case Assistance Team's (MCAT'S) Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction (STAR) Team. Motion carried by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Personnel Updates. Chief Roman updated the committee members on the following personnel issues.

1. Officers John Macchitelli and Mike Ornelas continue their field training and are progressing as expected.
2. Officer Paul Madej is having difficulty with field training. Chief Roman will meet with him next week.
3. Officer Adam Puralewski has been appointed as our new Detective and will begin his duties at an as yet undetermined date around the first of year. Chief Roman wants the new officers to complete field training before reassigning Officer Puralewski as our new detective.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Guranovich asked about the recent residential burglaries and whether we have a suspect. Chief Roman stated that the cases are under active investigation. He added that we obtained a home security video tape from one of our residents that may assist in the investigation.

Chief Roman stated that a Blackboard CTY Connect message was sent out to all residents alerting them to the burglaries but the alert did not go out until the next day. Chief suggested creating a crime prevention template and training sergeants on the system so that in the event it is needed another time we could get the alert out quicker. Trustees agreed.

Trustee Guranovich motioned, and Trustee Abbate seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lampugnano, Recording Secretary

The November 5, 2015 minutes were accepted on _____, 2015.